



December 22, 2004

North Carolina State Department of Environment and Natural Resources  
610 East Center Ave. Suite 301  
Mooresville, NC 28115  
Attn: John Murray, Project Engineer

Dear Mr. Murray,

Enclosed is a permit application for the City of Hickory's Solid Waste Transfer Station. This application is submitted in accordance with Section .0400 of the Solid Waste Management Rules. The application includes three (3) sets of the following:

Site Plans

Operation Plans

Approval letter from local government having zoning authority over the area.

We hope you will find the application complete. Of course, please contact me with any need for additional information. Thank you.

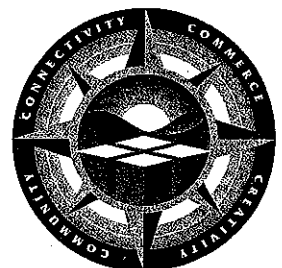
Sincerely,

John E. Yvars  
Sanitation Supervisor

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**APPROVED**  
DIVISION OF WASTE MANAGEMENT  
SOLID WASTE SECTION  
DATE 2/17/05 BY SEM



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## **Operation Plan**

### **City of Hickory Solid Waste Transfer Station**

#### **1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this plan is to provide details relative to the operation of the City of Hickory Solid Waste Transfer Station facility in accordance with Section .0400 of the North Carolina State Solid Waste Management Rules.

#### **2. GENERAL INFORMATION**

The transfer station is located in Hickory, North Carolina. The facility is owned and operated by the City of Hickory. The primary contact regarding operation is:

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Sanitation Supervisor  
City of Hickory  
PO Box 398  
Hickory, North Carolina 28601  
Phone 828-323-7439-office  
828-302-3747-cell  
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Address of the facility is:

1050 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. SW  
Hickory, NC 28601  
Phone: 828-323-7426

Normal Hours of Operation:

Monday-Friday 7 a.m.-3 p.m.  
Saturday 7 a.m.-12 noon.

### 3. SOURCE, TYPE AND QUANTITY OF WASTE

The facility will only receive and transfer municipally collected residential and commercial waste as defined within G.S. 130A-290(35). Only City of Hickory waste collection vehicles are permitted to dump in the transfer station. In addition, a recycling drop off area is located outdoors on the premises away from the tipping area to service residents of the City of Hickory (see site map). Recyclables collected include OCC, Mixed Paper, Aluminum and metal food and beverage containers and PET and HDPE plastic. No hazardous or liquid wastes will be accepted at the facility except for used motor oil and antifreeze, deposited and stored in approved containment receptacles. Any unacceptable waste will be removed and held for proper disposal. Animal carcasses are immediately loaded for removal.

The City of Hickory currently collects an average of 62 tons per day of commercial waste and 50 tons per day of residential waste based upon the normal days and hours of operation. All waste, excluding that deposited for recycling, currently goes to the Blackburn Sanitary Landfill, located on Rocky Ford Rd., which is owned and operated by Catawba County.

### 4. OPERATION

#### General

The transfer station will operate during normal business hours as listed above. A trained operator will be on site at all times. The station may be closed on major holidays such as Christmas day, or during severe weather events. Operating hours could change in the event of unforeseen or unusual circumstances that have resulted in the delayed collection of waste.

Inbound waste-laden vehicles will be weighed on certified in-ground truck scales. Following recording of vehicle weight by trained personnel, vehicles are directed into the transfer building. Waste will be deposited directly into the compactor hopper(s). A viewing window will allow the facility attendant to screen waste being discharged. Any unauthorized waste can be removed from the hopper. It is conceivable that emergency conditions such as power failure could warrant waste temporarily being dumped on the concrete tipping floor and pushed into the hopper(s) utilizing a wheel loader. Normal waste is compacted into closed-top 75-yard ejection trailers located on a pad at a lower elevation than the building's tipping floor. The operator will keep a daily log of all dumping and transfer activity. Weight records will be available at either the transfer station or at the Public Services Complex. All loaded trailers are weighed on the certified scales before leaving the facility. Approximately 6 fully loaded trailers (under 80,000# GVW) per day will transport the waste to the Blackburn Landfill. A second waste screen takes place at the Blackburn Landfill by Catawba County personnel.

## 5. EQUIPMENT

The equipment to be utilized is owned, operated and maintained in good condition by the City of Hickory. The following equipment may be used at the transfer station:

Backhoe-to alleviate any bridging of trash in the compactor hopper  
Wheel Loader-in the event of dumping trash directly onto tipping floor  
(3) Closed-top transfer ejection trailers  
(3) Road Tractors

## 6. PERSONNEL

The facility will be routinely manned by a Transfer Station Operator and (2) Heavy Equipment Operators. Other trained personnel are employed with the Solid Waste Division to substitute or assist as needed. Qualified personnel will train all employees in workplace safety issues. First aid supplies will be provided in the facility and all employees will be required to immediately report all work-related injuries. All personnel will be provided protective equipment as needed including gloves, dust masks, earplugs, clothing, etc.

## 7. HAZARD AND NUISANCE CONTROL

**Prohibited or undesirable waste:** This facility is not intended to accept quantities of regulated hazardous or medical waste, radioactive materials, septage or sewage waste, liquid waste, lead-acid batteries, or any other waste that are banned from landfilling by statute or rule. Signage will inform facility users of prohibited wastes. Every effort will be made to preclude acceptance of these wastes through education and inspection, but in the case of inadvertent receipt of these wastes, personnel will be available to isolate the material, take appropriate measures and notify the regulating authorities immediately. There will be a supply of oil absorbent, booms and pads for containment of any hazardous waste. Personnel qualified in conducting random inspections of waste loads and in emergency management will train employees at the facility. Initial response will be from the City of Hickory Fire Department Haz-Mat team by calling 911. If needed, the City will also utilize Stat, Inc. of Hudson, NC for emergency remediation and response.

**Fire:** The transfer building and associated equipment will be equipped with a total of 8 fire extinguishers located throughout the complex. Routine inspection of the fire extinguishers takes place on a regular basis by qualified personnel. Qualified personnel will train employees in effective fire fighting procedures and in fire prevention and on-site walk-throughs with the fire department will be conducted annually. No flammable liquids will be stored in the building. A water supply and hoses will be provided in the building for fire fighting purposes, and in the case of a fire, the Fire Department will be called via 911. The local station is within 3 blocks of the facility.

**Litter:** Chain link catch/security fencing and regular staff oversight will ensure a minimization of litter. 90-gallon roll out containers will be located at the trailer switching area and litter resulting from this activity will be immediately picked up.

**Odors and Vectors:** Measures to be used to control odors and disease vectors include prompt removal of waste and wash down of the tipping floor at least twice daily. Since, under normal operating conditions, waste will be discharged directly into the hopper, the only waste on the tipping floor is residual emanating from collection vehicles as they pull away from the hopper. A deodorizer is utilized as needed in the trailer switch out area, particularly during summer months. The City has a contract with A-1 Pest Control, which conducts vector control measures on a monthly basis at the facility.

**Dust:** The access road as well as the entire facility is paved. Dust control sprinklers are located directly over the hoppers to minimize dust migration from within the transfer station itself.

**Noise:** The building is located in an industrial area near active railroad tracks. Large trees offer substantial noise buffers. As only an average of 30 vehicles enter and leave the facility per day, no measurable increase in noise levels is expected.

## 8. WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Wastewater emanating from both the tipping floor area and the trailer loading/swap out area travel into an oil/water separator prior to direct discharge into the City of Hickory's sanitary sewer system. The settling pit and oil/water separator are cleaned on a regular basis by the City's Vac-All truck.

## 9. SIGNAGE

Signs shall be posted providing information on hours of operation for public use. Traffic signs or markers shall be provided to promote an orderly traffic pattern. Other signage indicating permit number and any other pertinent information will be posted at the site entrance.



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November 29, 2004

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Dear Mr. Murray:

This is to advise that the property of The City of Hickory's Solid Waste Transfer Station located at 1050 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue NE in Hickory, N.C., and being shown as P.I.N. No. 3702-05-09-9324 of the Catawba County G.I.S. Maps is zoned Commercial C-5 and solid waste transfer stations, which are classified as public service facilities, are permitted uses within this zoning classification. The City of Hickory's Solid Waste Transfer Station, which is the current occupant, is in compliance with all local zoning laws.

Sincerely:

Cal Overby  
Planner



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